

who might be asked to constitute a Board for the further consideration of the subject and the Board should be able to suggest means to settle the question for some time to come.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

A. LISTER, Treasurer.
Colonial Secretary.

With reference to the above the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to constitute a Board for the further consideration of the subject:

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer (Chairman).
The Harbour Master or Acting Harbour Master.
The Captain Superintendent of Police.
The Superintendent of the Gaol.
Mr. A. G. Wise.
Mr. N. J. Ede.
Mr. D. R. P. Crawford.

THE HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

The following is the report of the Hongkong Public School for 1884:

The Committee of the Hongkong Public School are glad to be able again to record an advance beyond that mentioned in the last Report. The year closed with an attendance of thirty-three while 1883 closed with one of forty-four. The average attendance for the year amounted to a little over 54, an increase of 11 on the previous year. The number of scholars has been 21, and there have been 21 scholars. The Committee have been very much gratified by the progress made by the scholars, and particularly by the fact that the scholars have been able to make it worth while to continue to attend the school.

The annual examination was held at the end of the year, and the papers were examined by Mr. Jennings and Mr. Ede.

Mr. Jennings thus reported on the papers: "I have examined the papers of the last year, and the results are very satisfactory. The scholars have shown a marked improvement in their work, and the Committee are very much gratified by the progress made by the scholars, and particularly by the fact that the scholars have been able to make it worth while to continue to attend the school."

The drawings submitted to me for examination, though fewer in number than last year, were of a higher quality than those of the previous year. The scholars have shown a marked improvement in their work, and the Committee are very much gratified by the progress made by the scholars, and particularly by the fact that the scholars have been able to make it worth while to continue to attend the school."

The financial statement explains itself. It shows a substantial gain derived from the fees alone, and also an increase of the Endowment Fund. The Committee are very much gratified by the progress made by the scholars, and particularly by the fact that the scholars have been able to make it worth while to continue to attend the school."

From the numbers that now avail themselves of the advantages of the school it is evident that it is not only a school for the children of the Chinese, but also a school for the children of the English, and the Committee are very much gratified by the progress made by the scholars, and particularly by the fact that the scholars have been able to make it worth while to continue to attend the school."

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On Tuesday, the 3rd instant, the French sent a "Fish" or Whitehead torpedo in during the night. It struck the French ship, and the Committee are very much gratified by the progress made by the scholars, and particularly by the fact that the scholars have been able to make it worth while to continue to attend the school."

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Messrs. Mirand & Co., also appeared; they are Agents for the "Eagle Brand." On opening a tin of the milk it was found to be of very inferior quality. The Magistrate, probably induced by the presence of Captain Superintendent of Police, who was present, ordered the case on behalf of the Municipality, ordered each of the two printers to pay \$200 fine, or in default to go to the gaol for one year. The case of the other defendant, the shopkeeper, was remanded to Mercury.

THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT FOR THE SUDAN.

The Sydney Morning Herald received by the E. & A. steamer *Arcturion* yesterday, is full of preparations then (18th February) going on for the departure of the New South Wales contingent to Egypt. The greatest excitement and enthusiasm prevailed, and volunteers were pouring in from the country. On the 18th February, 1885, were passed at the Brigade Office, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, and many more rejected on account of constitutional defects, the examination being very rigid. About 300 have been passed so far. A large proportion of the troops are natives of New South Wales. A goodly number of horses were also selected and purchased, while transport and commissariat arrangements were being actively pushed on. The formation of an ambulance corps was to take place on the 19th inst.

Public meetings have been held in all the colonies, and subscriptions to the Patriotic Fund have been freely made.

The following is a list of the contributors of sums of money towards the expenses connected with the expedition:

Mr. James Taylor, of Pictou station, Cambolia River, \$2,000 for two years.
Mr. James R. Fairfax, \$2,000 a year for three years.
Mr. B. W. Levy, \$1,000 a year.
Messrs. Bennett Brothers, *Deer Bay News*, \$1,000 a year.
Mr. Thomas Walker, of Concord, \$1,000.
Mr. Daniel Cooper, \$1,000.
Hon. F. M. Darby, Q.C., \$1,000; first payment.
Mr. James R. Fairfax, for *Waltham Watch Company*, \$1,000.
Mr. W. A. Hutchinson, M.L.A., \$1,000; first payment.
Mr. H. H. Pitt, \$1,000; first payment.
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